

RECOGNITION OF MT. VERNON
ELKS LODGE 819

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Mt. Vernon Elks Lodge 819. This year marks their 100th year of service to the people of Jefferson County. I am very proud of their milestone and that they are part of the 19th Congressional District, which I serve.

The Elks is a national fraternity involved in a variety of charitable work involving children and veterans. Members also uphold their long-standing tradition of patriotism and spirituality. Locally, they regularly disperse funds to help charitable causes and to provide scholarships. Several of their activities include assisting crippled children, volunteering at veteran's hospitals, organizing blood drives, providing learning opportunities for local students, and supporting the Jefferson County Sports Authority. The Mt. Vernon Elks have also been nationally recognized as the finest lodge in America.

I thank them for all the work they do and will continue to do in the future. Their commitment to their country and to their fellow citizens is very commendable. The selfless services they provide on a daily basis are an example for us all to follow. There is no question that their community, their state, and their country are better because of them. I wish the lodge the very best as they enter into their next 100 years of service.

HONORING CARL G. HARTMAN ON
HIS RETIREMENT AS THE
CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carl G. Hartman who has served as Clermont County Engineer for the past 11 years and who retired on May 31, 2003. In his tenure, Carl has excelled as the Clermont County Engineer, accomplishing much for the county's roadways and infrastructure.

When Carl was elected as the County Engineer in 1992, Clermont County was one of the fastest growing counties in Ohio presenting him with a variety of challenges. Carl faced those challenges and became the "transportation engineer" of Clermont County, expanding the role of county engineer beyond just the maintenance of the bridges and roadways. He had many accomplishments. He was able to secure funding and rebuild 75 bridges throughout the county. By working with local officials, he was able to pinpoint dangerous areas of the roadways and implement safety measures to secure the safety of travelers. In addition to his duties as county engineer, in 1996 Carl took on the role of Sanitary Engineer for the Clermont County Water and Sewer Department where he was responsible for handling over \$5 million of capital improvement projects. His success is well known, and he has been honored by many of the industry's leaders for his outstanding work on the county's roadways and infrastructure.

Carl grew up in Anderson Township and graduated from Anderson High School in 1956. He continued his education at the University of Cincinnati's College of Engineering. After receiving his degree, Carl worked for various engineering companies including Sun Oil Company, and in 1970 started his own engineering and surveying firm that served the Greater Cincinnati area. Starting with only two employees, Carl's successful business grew to 25 employees before he was elected the Clermont County Engineer.

His service goes beyond his elected office. Carl is an active volunteer with the local 4-H Club, and helps the local Cub Scouts earn their Engineering Achievement Awards. He is devoted to his wife, Barbara, and they have three children and six grandchildren.

All of us in the Greater Cincinnati area congratulate Carl on his service. We appreciate his outstanding leadership and dedication to the betterment of Clermont County, and we wish him well in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. CHRISTINE
REED

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a magnificent individual and dedicated member of both her community and church, Mrs. Christine Reed, affectionately known as 'Grahams'. Born in Summit, New Jersey, Mrs. Reed has been an active member of the Saint Paul's Calvary United Church of God for over 35 years.

On July 13, 2003, the members of the Saint Paul's Calvary United Church of God's Usher board will proudly recognize Sister Christine Reed with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Throughout her many years of membership, Mrs. Reed partook as a member of various choirs, the Missionary Department, Sunday School Teacher and the Usher Board. Mrs. Reed served as the President of the Usher Board for over 25 years. Also serving as the Vice President for a time, Mrs. Reed was a dedicated member, a hard and reliable worker, always willing to teach and lend a helping hand in any possible capacity.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives join me today in saluting Mrs. Christine Reed for her many years of dedicated service to Saint Paul's Calvary United Church of God.

RECOGNITION OF RAYMOND
FLOWERS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Mr. Raymond Flowers of Centralia, IL. Upon his death at the age of 100, Raymond held the status of oldest retired firefighter in the state of Illinois.

Towards the end of World War II, the Centralia Fire Department faced a significant shortage of firefighters. Many of Centralia's

men had enlisted in the military and were serving our country in Europe and the Pacific. To help alleviate this shortage, Raymond decided to leave his job as a truck driver and in 1944 became one of many who filled in for the firefighters who were deployed overseas. He stayed with the Fire Department for another 20 years, until his retirement in 1964.

Raymond received little formal training or instruction in firefighting. Instead, he learned on the job, fighting fires with the members of the east side fire station in Centralia.

The Centralia Fire Department and many of the citizens of Centralia honored Raymond at his funeral.

Raymond's career as a firefighter is just one example of the thousands of contributions to our nation made by members of the "Greatest Generation." It is my prayer that all Americans would learn to make the same selfless sacrifices made by those citizens.

TEMPORARY AUTHORITY FOR
CONGRESSIONAL HUNGER CENTER
TO AWARD BILL EMERSON
AND MICKY LELAND HUNGER
FELLOWSHIPS

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2474. Mickey Leland, our former colleague once said "I cannot get used to hunger and desperate poverty in our plentiful land. There is no reason for it, there is no excuse for it, and it is time that we as a nation put an end to it." But, according to USDA statistics, there are 33 million children suffering from pangs of hunger and poverty and nearly 300 million in the world. Hunger is still rampant.

The Congressional Hunger Center founded in 1993, successfully educates leaders to fight hunger globally. It is through this entity that the Emerson-Leland Fellowships are administered, and I stand strongly in support of this legislation.

H.R. 2474 authorizes the use of funds already appropriated for the Emerson-Leland Hunger fellowships for fiscal year 2003 and 2004. However, these funds were appropriated in The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, which created an independent agency in the legislative branch. The act established an endowment in the Department of Treasury and a board of trustees to supervise and direct the program that is not yet operational. This presents a barrier to the foot soldiers of compassion, who are primed and ready to fight hunger both here and abroad while fulfilling the vision of Mickey Leland and Bill Emerson.

Substantial progress has been made to feed the hungry in the United States and abroad, yet much is still needed, and I am in full support of equipping the willing in this fight with whatever means are necessary to do so. This bill allows those funds to be used by the Congressional Hunger Center for hunger fellowships.